

Amendment No. 1 to SB2856

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2856*

House Bill No. 3319

by deleting Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the printed bill, by substituting instead the following, and be renumbering the remaining sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, is amended by adding the following as a new part 30.

56-7-3001. It is the specific intent of the general assembly to provide uninsured Tennesseans with the knowledge and the ability to sign up for health insurance programs that may be available to them. Individuals who may qualify for the state's Medicaid program need to be directed to the appropriate department for eligibility assistance and determination. For any additional state-offered or state-related health insurance programs, it is essential that the state of Tennessee provide both the information and the understanding to its citizens of the various programs and the connecting eligibility requirements.

56-7-3002. The Cover Tennessee component of senate bill 3895/house bill 4011 is specifically designed for small businesses in Tennessee. With the addition of health insurance programs offered to small businesses, it is vital to the state of Tennessee to have the information necessary in order to effectively reach out to Tennessee businesses to notify and inform businesses of their available options.

56-7-3003. On or before February 15 of each year, the department of finance and administration, working in conjunction with the department of labor and workforce development, shall transmit to the members of the general assembly a report identifying those employers in their respective districts who, during the previous calendar year, had twenty-five or less employees and who are participating in the Cover Tennessee health insurance program. The report shall also indicate which of those employers have taken part in the small group provision of the Cover Tennessee program and

which employers have employees that have taken advantage of the individual component of the Cover Tennessee program.

56-7-2004. This report shall not include the names or any identifying information of any individual program beneficiary and shall comply with any applicable requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and the regulations promulgated thereto.

56-7-2005. This report shall be a public record and the department of finance and administration shall make the report available to the public in any reasonable manner determined by the department in accordance with applicable public records requirements.